

and Defraud of the Publick; and that his said Lordship being then Incapacitated of complying with what by the said Act, for the said Moiety of *Two Shillings* per Hoghead, was required; It was therefore Enacted, that the said *One Shilling* per Hoghead for the defraying the Charges of Government aforesaid, commencing from the then present Shipping, as well for such Ships or Vessels as had then already Cleared before the making of this Act, as for such then remaining in this Province, should be raised, levied, collected and paid unto our then Sovereign Lord, and Lady, the said King and Queen's most Excellent Majesties, their Heirs and Successors, for the Support of their Government for the Time being, in and over this their Majesty's Province aforesaid, and the Territories to the same belonging, for every Hoghead and quantity of an Hoghead of Tobacco, which had been for and during the Time aforesaid, or which should thereafter be at any Time shipped in any Ship or Vessel, to be Exported out of this Province, or any the Territories, Islands, Ports, Rivers, Creeks or Places thereunto belonging as aforesaid; Provided always, and 'tis declared to be the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, that this Act, nor any thing therein contained, should be adjudged, construed, reputed or taken, any thing therein expressed to the contrary notwithstanding, to Disannul or make Void his Lordship's Right to the other Moiety of the said *Two Shillings* per Hoghead, to be paid in consideration of his Rents and Alienation Money in Tobacco at *Two Pence* per Pound, during the Term of his natural Life (but that the same should be kept, and by this Law preserved to his Lordship, in as full and ample manner as by the said last recited Law was expressed or intended) or in the least to discharge his Lordship of receiving the Rents aforesaid at *Two Pence* per Pound, as by the said recited Act was enjoined, during also the Term of his natural Life, nor to discharge his Lordship from accounting for the Arrears of the *One Shilling* per Hoghead for Supporting the Government, and finding Arms and Ammunition, but that he should be obliged to all the aforesaid Matters and Things, as fully and strongly, as if the said recited Law were in full Force; as by the said Act, whereto your Committee crave leave to refer, may appear; which Act among others we find continued as a Law of this Province, by a General Assembly held at *Annapolis* the 28th day of *June*, in the Eleventh Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord King *William* the Third, of *England*, &c. And in the Year of our Lord God 1699.

Your Committee humbly observe, that altho' the said Acts of 1671, 1674, and 1676, herein before recited, had a duration respectively with the respective Lives of the Right Honourable *Cæcilius Calvert*, *Charles Calvert*, and also of *Cæcil Calvert* Son and Heir of the said Right Ho-